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Is the policy taking the right approach

- In defining the importance of watershed - how are you crossing political boundaries, crossing across the administrative boundaries.
Funding issues for projects that cross boundaries will funding be found.
- Right direction but constraints of law may lead to "forfeit" protection, need to have a redefinition of some of the constraints of the existing bureaucracy - Is there a plan to address that?
- Good idea to use watershed - problems with state & tribal policies/laws/regs
Problems coordinating
What size watershed are we looking at
• how will the very large watersheds be divided such as the Mississippi
- Was the EPA concentrating on smaller watersheds - Answer - States & Tribes assessed watersheds on the "Hack scale"

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There are some watersheds that affect others watersheds - This needs to be considered in techniques

- Missing is a consideration of Canadian Policies & concerns & actions - Seems futile to consider US only watersheds without Canada
- Doesn't have a lot of teeth or money associated with this - It may just be something else that is mandated but with no money to implement, ~~that~~ it will not be implemented
- All the agencies that work together - need someone to take the lead in a consistent manner -
- Some Federal Programs that are not familiar with dealing with tribes and tribal coordination
- It is only convenient for people with FS - Spend a lot on BIA forestry - Majority of their land is fee -

- Tribe is scattered all over the state
may do not want to be directed to different people to work on the same issue. - Don't want to cross a boundary & talk to yet another person. Would like to see one contact person streamline the operation - It has to work within the agency to have one contact person. Don't want to have interagency squabbles over who has jurisdiction.

II Meaningful tribal consultation

- Have equal ranking people talking - tribal leader should not be consulting with an agency grant who does not have decision making role
- Several attempts to contact but calls not returned
- On bigger issues, need to go to congressman -
- Several tribal representatives have expressed

- the problem that staff people do not pay attention to etiquette and ~~proto~~ protocol of contacting tribes
- Staff people have been good to work for - need to educate the management on the etiquette & protocol & who to contact
- Tribal lands are Nations - the federal agencies need to be aware of this -
- ~~Was there any~~ Was industry involved in this - Should they be involved - ~~They~~ Industry has a great impact on watersheds.
Ans. - States have the responsibility for controlling industry
- What type of industry -
 - mining, cranberry growers
 - definitely impact the water
 - agriculture for nonpoint
 - cattle
 - forest products industry
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III Partnerships

- Worked a lot with University on GIS
- Water quality project with several partners - looking for grants
In looking for grants they found a lot of new people who have similar goals
- Tribes have fear of federal government - don't want to enter into any new treaties but are willing to cooperate
- Private individuals & foundations looking for tribes to take a leadership role
 - ~~in the stewardship of the land~~
 - 'Sierra Club'
 - 'Waterfowl Association'
- USGS works very well with tribes - cost share to do water quality, ground water quality
~~BIA & Indian~~
- Another comment on USGS - works well as well as EPA Region 5
- Small scale - prairie restoration, etc.
FWS, NRCS & BIA
PL 638 water funds - good incentive for cooperative agreements and cost sharing. This encourages these agree.

Role of Tribes

- Important to remember that the Tribes vary a great deal from one to another
Don't try to deal with tribes in a unified manner

There has been 3 different meetings between HoChunk & EPA & FWS - is anyone talking to each other

→ The direction that the Menominee goes will be different from the HoChunk -

- Intertribal communication on these issues would be helpful
Tribes work together a lot on other issues - similar coordination should be started & then if it will continue
Water Quality is a big concern for everyone
- Agree that technical staff of tribes share info but Need to recognize that each tribe has its own perspective - must not ask one tribe to speak for any other tribe

- Chippewa tribes have worked out a consotiruion on fishing rights - look at how they did this & seek out their input.
- More outreach to tribes would be helpful
Need better notice in advance of meetings - Did not get notice about this until last Friday -
Meeting should have been held ~~&~~ closer to the tribes
- Working with ACOE on dam project - some lands will go to HoChunk - Some to state - State of WI did not live up to their side it will go back to Congress
Should have rights of first refusal on reversions
- WI tribes have problems with the state,
 - could the federal agencies help the state understand that they had to be treated in accord with federal policies & kept to federal standards?
- How would the boundaries of the groundwater be determined if the gw to surface water does not coincide?